



*Church of the*

# SACRED HEART

*A Faith Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition Since 1905*

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*The Parish Center is open Monday through Thursday from 8AM - 4PM, Friday from 8AM - 2PM. Please schedule other times by appointment.*

**SACRED HEART CHURCH IS LOCATED AT 149 SOUTH PLAINFIELD AVENUE**

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*We welcome all to join us for worship and invite you to become an active member of our parish family.*

**Sacred Heart Church is open every day as a quiet refuge for prayer and reflection from 6:00AM until 4:30PM.**

## ■ MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekend:** 5:00PM – Saturday Vigil; Sunday – 9:00AM, 11:30AM

**Daily:** 9:00AM – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
7:00PM – Monday

**Holy Day:** 6:30AM, 9:00AM, 7:00PM

## ■ EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Monday:** 6:00-7:00 PM

## ■ MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

**Monday:** 6:45PM with Benediction and **Saturday:** following 9:00AM Mass

## ■ BAPTISM

The sacrament is celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of every month at 1:00PM with the exception of the Season of Lent.

## ■ RECONCILIATION

**Saturday:** 10:00 - 11:30AM *and* at other times by appointment.

## ■ MARRIAGE

In conjunction with the policy of Marriage Preparation set forth by the bishops of New Jersey, couples should begin the process one year in advance of the planned date of marriage. Arrangements should be made with the Church before any other plans are set. All details and information will be gladly provided upon calling the Parish Office.

## ■ MISSION STATEMENT

The Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart, South Plainfield, NJ was established in 1905. We are a diverse community striving to foster spiritual growth and Catholic identity through liturgy, sacraments, service, education and our shared faith in God. We are committed to being an instrument of love, healing and hope by ministering to the needs of our parishioners & the larger community, while celebrating the Christ present in each of us.



# MASSSES

## SATURDAY, MARCH 18

5:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

## SUNDAY, MARCH 19

9:00 AM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE HARRIS FAMILY,  
Req. by PJ Harris & Family  
11:30 AM EMY BRION, Req. by Son, Evan Brion & Family

## MONDAY, MARCH 20

### ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary  
6:45 PM Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction  
7:00 PM MARY KEENAN, Req. by Sr. Nadine

## TUESDAY, MARCH 21

9:00 AM MARIE FARRY, Req. by Joanne Otlowski

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

9:00 AM SAMUEL JOSEPH DONNELLY, Req. by M/M  
Richard Rogers

## THURSDAY, MARCH 23

### ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, Bishop

9:00 AM JAMES LUNNY, Req. by Phil & Amy Batista



## FRIDAY, MARCH 24

### BLESSED OSCAR ROMERO, Bishop & Martyr

9:00 AM MARY ROSSI, Req. by Kathy & Mike Wozniak  
7:00 PM *Stations of the Cross*

## SATURDAY, MARCH 25

### THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

9:00 AM RICHARD SCHENCK, Req. by Wife & Family  
5:00 PM MARY & CHARLES McKNIGHT, Req. by Gary &  
Geralyn McKnight

## SUNDAY, MARCH 26

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 AM MICHAEL MEDWIG, Req. by Marion Valeri  
11:30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH



*"I sent you to reap what  
you have not worked for,  
others have done the work,  
and you are sharing  
the fruits of their work."*



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

*Fridays in Lent*  
7:00PM — IN CHURCH



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

### March 19 - 26

3/19 - Ex 17: 3-7/Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8/Jn 4: 5-42  
3/20 - 2 Sm 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22/  
Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24a  
3/21 - Dn 3: 25, 34-43/Mt 18: 21-35  
3/22 - Dt 4: 1, 5-9/Mt 5: 17-19  
3/23 - Jer 7: 23-28/Lk 11: 14-23  
3/24 - Hos 14: 2-10/Mk 12: 28-34  
3/25 - Is 7: 10-14, 8-10/Heb 10: 4-10/Lk 1: a26-38  
3/26 - 1 Sm 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5: 8-14/Jn 9: 1-41



► The daily Scripture references are printed here. If you find it helpful and have internet access, you can find the complete **DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS** at <http://www.usccb.org/nab/>.

## WE OFFER OUR PRAYER

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK, especially: Pauline Gillick, Dot Rotola, Michael Durning, Danielle Pepin, Prudence Capparelli, Anne Nagy, Eileen Walker, Daniel Hedden, Robert Larsen Jr., Brody Kasnowski, Georgie Martinkovic, Joan Sacko, Kevin Jones, Raul Rodriguez, Alyssa Ricciardi, Margaret Nichuck, Tina Bernauer, Thomas Buttery, Cathy Gary, Cheryl O'Brien, Hank Loeffler, Thomas Heim, Peter Romano, Patricia Lacasale, Margaret Smith, William Blair, Albertina Aguilar, Ed Curtin, Arthur Tinana, Ann Marie Lauten, Elizabeth Vargo, Edward Owsik, Barbara Calderoney, Roland Parker, Viola Pratt, Celeste Ginder, Neil Towey, George Castagno, Rev. Charles Mingle.

FOR THOSE IN HOSPITALS & NURSING HOMES, especially: Bert Gartland, Lorraine Kick, Chuck Pender, Wilma Zielinski, Bill Keenan.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED, especially: Felomena Rundella, James Ottobre, Alexander G. Ferraris, and the Faithful Departed of Sacred Heart Parish & their families who mourn their loss.

## VIRGIN MARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

### JOSEPH STILLMAN

Requested by Daughter

## SACRED HEART CANDLE

burns in memory of

### THOMAS RUGGIERI

Requested by Marie Piesche & Eleanore Disch



## SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

### CLARINDA J. McNEFF HART

Requested by Children, Grandchildren, & Great Grandchildren

## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: MAR 25-26

5:00 PM - J. Makoski, M. Brignol, H. Brignol  
9:00 AM - C. Butrico, G. Delacruz, A. Ortega  
11:30 AM - A. Walker, G. Ruzicka, J. Chavez



We welcome everyone, especially those who are visiting and may be new to Sacred Heart Parish.

## GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

*We are a tithing parish & give thanks for God's gifts.*

### TITHING OR DONATION: CHURCH SUPPORT

Whether you are tithing or donating, however you choose to monetarily support the Church, we need your contributions. Thank you for your financial assistance.

#### Week Ending March 12, 2017

	2017	2016
Envelopes:	\$ 9,525.00	\$ 9,421.00
Loose:	\$ 1,435.00	\$ 1,636.00
On-line Giving:	\$ 4,186.00	\$ 2,241.00
Totals:	\$ 15,146.00	\$ 13,298.00

#### ► Major Repairs & Renovations to Date — \$115,695

**PASTOR'S COMMENT:** "Today we sing and pray the words of Psalm 95: *If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.* May it be God's voice that we hear calling us to life and calling us to be one. If we are open to that voice of God, there is no way that we can fail to hear the voices of many others calling out for justice, freedom, peace, healing and life. Our response challenges us at the same time, to be human and to be like God.— Fr. John

**SCRIPTURE:** "Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work." — 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

**CHALLENGE:** "Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have left." — Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

**How much of your personal finances do you already do online? SACRED HEART CHURCH OFFERS ONLINE GIVING** for parishioners who prefer to donate through automatic draft. Online Giving is a secure and personalized way to give to the parish.

In the convenience of your home you choose how much to give, how often to give, and what form of payment you wish to use.



Online Giving can stand on its own as a means of donation or can be used in conjunction with your offering envelopes. Sign up for Online Giving at our parish website: <http://www.churchofthesacredheart.net>

Have your weekly offering automatically debited from your checking account or credit card. If you have reward credit you can be earning points or cash back.



**DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS:** *This weekend we are invited to support CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION, a collection that works at home and abroad to give aid to victims of persecution and natural disasters, provide legal services to poor immigrants, and advocate for the powerless. By supporting six Catholic agencies, this collection offers an opportunity for each of us to help Jesus in disguise. Please prayerfully consider supporting the CRSC. Envelopes are available in the entrances of the church.*

**RICE BOWL** - Lenten Rice Bowls are available in the entrances of the church. Please take one for your Lenten sacrifice. The due date for the return of your rice bowl is noted on the box.



**BISHOP JAMES F. CHECCHIO'S FIRST PASTORAL LETTER** - *Lighting a Fire in the Heart of Our World*, is available in a special March 2 edition of The Catholic Spirit, the letter is a reflection of Bishop Checchio's pastoral visits to parishes, Catholic schools, institutions and ministries of the diocese since his May 3, 2016 ordination and installation. Based on his conversations with clergy, religious and the lay faithful and his personal observations, it outlines the priorities that emerged and which call for our attention as we go forward in the Church of Metuchen. You can also read it online at [diometuchen.org](http://diometuchen.org) and [catholicspirit.com](http://catholicspirit.com).

**PARISH UPDATES:** If you are now solely using a cell phone, have changed your phone number or address, please call Lisa at 908-756-0633 x110, so we can update your records. We would also like to update our parish data base with e-mail addresses. Email us at [admin@churchofthesacredheart.net](mailto:admin@churchofthesacredheart.net) to have your email address included or to update an email address. Thank you!

► If you are moving, please notify Lisa at the Parish Office so we can keep our parishioner records current. *Thank you!*

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP:** Any new family who has moved into the parish area and adult children 18 years of age and older, **are invited to register as a parishioner.** The definition of an active parishioner is: *One registered, attending Mass weekly and contributing to the support to the church. There is a (3) month minimum registration requirement before registering for a baptism or requesting letters of eligibility/sponsorship.*



## 2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL *Ambassadors for Christ*

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at [www.diometuchen.org/BAA](http://www.diometuchen.org/BAA).

**PLEGGED TO DATE: \$56,034 - GOAL: \$89,000**

### ► Have you included your parish in your Estate Planning & in your Will?

Remember the Church of the Sacred Heart in life & in death. Please call and speak with Jim Bufis at the Parish Office (908-756-0633 x114) about your legacy gift to your parish.



## WE PRAY FOR ALL SERVING IN THE MILITARY

*Especially for our parishioners*



Army Captain Cheryl Hoh, Pharm D  
Spc. Erik Sienkiewicz - US Army / Iraq  
Psc. Amanda Marie Morales - US Navy  
Marine Corp. Troy A. Benson/ Japan  
Pvt. Alterreek Booker - US Army/KY  
Sgt. Zackeriah Romasz - US Marine Corp.  
Spc. Bryan Gutschall - US Army/Afghanistan  
Spc. Nick Okoszko/US Army/No. Carolina  
LCdr. Edward Quaranta/ US Reserves  
Lt. Col. Dirk H. Smith/US Army, Washington, DC  
LCpl. Quinn Cochrane/US Marines, No. Carolina  
Pvt. Edward C. Forsthoffer/US Army



*May we work for Justice as we pray for Peace.*

Visit our diocesan website at [diometuchen.org](http://diometuchen.org),  
click [Offices & Ministries](#),  
then click [Military and Veteran Families](#) and see

**THE APOSTOLATE FOR MILITARY & VETERAN FAMILIES**



## Respect for Life

"Since the right to health care is based on the right to live, it is also clear that what attacks life is not health care at all, and not a legitimate goal to health care reform."

— Richard Doerflinger, associate director of USCCB's Pro-Life Directorate.

## SACRED HEART SOCIAL CONCERNS

### Easter Baskets

Can you believe it, Easter is just around the corner?

Sacred Heart Social Concerns has begun working on their Easter Baskets for those in need in our Parish Community.

Presently we assist approximately 25-31 families per month. **We are in need of fresh or canned hams, glaze, potatoes (boxed or canned), desserts, coffee, canned fruit, and biscuits.**



Hams may be dropped off at the Parish Center during business hours. All other non-perishable food can be placed in the bins at all the doors of the Church. Your generosity has enabled us to continue providing assistance to those in need and we are grateful for your ongoing support.

If you know of families requiring our assistance, please have them call 908-756-0633 x112, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between 9:00AM-11:00AM.

*Thank you again and may God bless you for your continued support to those in need from our parish.*

**Email:**  
[socialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net](mailto:socialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net)

## PARISH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

**SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 10:00AM**

*Be Reconciled to God, the God of Peace & Justice*

## THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART WELCOMES ALL NEWCOMERS

to the parish. Please contact our parish secretary, Lisa at the Parish Office at 908-756-0633 x110 for registration information.

► If you are moving, please notify Lisa at the Parish Office so we can keep our parishioner records current. *Thank you*

## DO YOU USE THE PARISH WEBSITE?

See <http://www.ChurchoftheSacredHeart.net>

**VISIT THE DIOCESAN WEBSITE AT**  
[www.diometuchen.org](http://www.diometuchen.org)

► And don't forget to "like" us on **FACEBOOK**

**The Church of the Sacred Heart**, and to "follow" us  
on **TWITTER**

**& INSTAGRAM**



**The Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society**  
invites you to pray the Rosary with them  
on the first Sunday of each month  
one half hour before all Masses.



## PARISH BOOK CLUB - Join our parish book club!

Tuesdays throughout Lent at 1:00-2:00PM in the Annex (no stairs!) and 7:30-8:30PM in the Parish Center. The 1:00 PM meeting will have a light lunch of soup and bread. Please RSVP to Louise Timko at 908-756-0633 ext.143. We will discuss "Resisting Happiness" by

Matthew Kelly, which was distributed parish-wide at Christmas.

*Back by popular demand!*

## ANNUAL LENTEN FRIDAY

# FISH DINNER

*Holy Savior Academy Cafeteria*

**5:00-7:00 PM**

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 is sponsoring our famous Sacred Heart Lenten Friday Fish Dinners on **March 24, 31, & April 7**, in the HSA cafeteria from 5:00 -7:00 PM followed by *The Stations of the Cross* at 7:00 PM in the Church.

**THE MENU features:** Fillet of fish (fried, broiled, parmigiana), a pasta dish or pizza, garden salad, rice pilaf, French fries, mac & cheese, cole slaw, coffee, tea, or a cold drink, plus dessert! **TAKE OUT ORDERS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE!** Admission \$10/adults, \$9/Seniors, \$5/children, pay at the door.



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Louise Timko, Director  
908-756-0633 x143



For more information please visit our web page  
[www.churchofthesacredheart.net](http://www.churchofthesacredheart.net)  
or send us an email:

[religiouseducation@churchofthesacredheart.net](mailto:religiouseducation@churchofthesacredheart.net)

**Everyone hears the Sunday Scripture readings proclaimed, but do we take time to think about their meaning in our lives?**

## ► QUESTION OF THE WEEK – March 19

What kind of conversation is Jesus trying to have with you about your life? How can you become more aware of him in your life?

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - SAVE THE DATE

**Summer Session 2017** will be held **July 10-21**, Monday thru Friday, 8:30AM to Noon. Registration for Summer Session has begun. Details and the registration form are on the parish website.

**OPEN HOUSE** - Bishop George Ahr HS, One Tingley Lane, Edison. Monday, April 4, at 7:00PM. For more information call 732-549-1108 x620 or visit [bhahs.org](http://bhahs.org).



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MRS. CAROL WOODBURN, PRINCIPAL

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2017-2018 TUITION ASSISTANCE

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen Catholic elementary or high school may do so beginning January 30, 2017. The application process is online through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Online applications must be completed (including supporting documentation) by **no later than Friday, March 31, 2017**. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application, or need access to the technology to apply, may register for one of the five Application Workshops, which will be held in four locations within the Diocese in February and March by going to the Workshops Link at [www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance](http://www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance)

**SAVE THE DATE** - Holy Savior Academy's 3rd Annual **Spring Splendor Tricky Tray** on Saturday, April 1. Doors open at 6:00PM. Tickets \$20 per person (includes one sheet of level 1 (white) tickets, coffee/tea/water & dessert). **BYOB & Food**. Tickets available in the school office.

# HOLY REDEEMER CEMETERY



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Email: [shcemetery@comcast.net](mailto:shcemetery@comcast.net)

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LYNDA YELENOVSKY, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

### ◆ CEMETERY HOURS ◆

8:00AM - 4:30PM (SEPT 16 - APRIL 14)

8:00AM - 7:00PM (APRIL 15 - SEPT 15)

### RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



Would you or someone you know like to complete your Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation? We attend 9:00AM Sunday Mass and meet for a session afterward. Please contact Louise Timko 908-756-0633 x143 or via email: [ltimko@churchofthesacredheart.net](mailto:ltimko@churchofthesacredheart.net).

**BAPTISM/SPONSORSHIP CLASS** - Parents and godparents are required to attend one session before the child's baptism date can be confirmed. Sessions are held on **the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:00PM** in the Parish Center - 3rd floor. (Adults only - please, no infants or children.) Registration is required. Contact Sr. Nadine 908-756-0633 x118 to register for the class or with any questions.

### IN GOD'S IMAGE: CATHOLIC FAITH SHARING FOR LGBT PERSONS & THEIR FAMILIES

*In God's Image*, the Gay and Lesbian Faith Sharing Group at Sacred Heart Church, meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00PM in the Parish Annex (behind the school). **Our next gathering will be on April 12**. For information call 908-822-5895, OR contact Fr. John at 908-756-0633 x125 OR email: [sacredheartigi@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartigi@gmail.com). And look for the IGI icon on the parish website. All are invited to view and share the video presentation at [OwningOurFaith.com](http://OwningOurFaith.com).

thank you

*to the power angels who helped move the snow in the parking lot. You were a "God send."*



# THIS IS OUR FAITH

LENTEN BOOK

## "Resisting Happiness"

WEEK 2

### How do I find God?

This week Kelly takes on his spiritual journey with his spiritual director, John. John, a family friend, befriends Matthew when he is in his mid-teens and begins to ask him spiritual questions. At each of these questions Matthew meets resistance; some high-points in this journey follow:

**I have a soul!** John helps Matthew see that there is more to life than his physical and material side. John points out that Matthew has a soul that is meant for eternal life with God, and that just as he needs to nurture and develop his physical and mental capabilities, he needs to nurture and develop his spiritual side. *You and I have a soul too!*

**AHA Moment:** God calls Matthew to holiness. In his late teens Matthew has a personal Pentecost, coming of the Holy Spirit, when he realizes that God calls him and every man and woman to holiness. *This includes you and me.* For the Catholic Church and Matthew, God calls everyone to be holy. Matthew says this is God calling us to be the "Best Version of Ourselves!"

**Holiness leads to Happiness:** Matthew says "when I did something that I knew was God's will, something that would clearly help me become a better version of myself, I was filled with joy. When I did something that I knew was wrong or was clearly not good for me, that joy began to evaporate."

**How to live out this holiness?** Some suggestions John makes to Matthew:

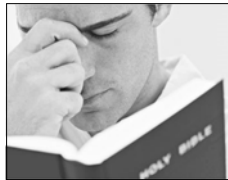
❖ **Spend 10 minutes speak to God about your day, first thing in the morning.**

❖ **Read the Bible:** Read a chapter a day in the New Testament. Pick out a word or phrase that speaks to your heart, and ask God what he is saying to you in it. The people in the bible made decisions either on faith or fear. Reading God's word we are called to a life of hope and trust in God

❖ **Turn each hour of the day into prayer:** But I'm not a priest or nun, how do I do this? Saint Paul tells us to "pray without ceasing" 1Thes. 5:17. Kelly says "As Christians we are called to transform every activity in our lives with prayer, this is how we become the best version of ourselves and live holy lives."

Work is one of the primary tools God has given us to grow in virtue and through virtue we become the best version of ourselves and lead a holy life. He stresses that Catholicism is an incredibly practical religion and that we are called to make our work a prayer. ▶ Matthew suggests that at the beginning of each hour, we set an alarm and decide who we are praying for during this time. Then we let our work be our prayer. This will constantly remind us we are in the presence of God.

**God's Mind?** By doing these things Kelly says we will align our hearts and minds with God and open the doors to his grace to help us do His will.



**SISTERS OF MERCY TREASURE CHEST RAFFLE** - The 2017 drawing for the Sisters of Mercy Treasure Chest Raffle will take place on May 21 at 3:00PM at Mt. St. Mary. Tickets for this annual raffle can be purchased now from Sr. Nadine at the parish center/convent during our working hours. Sister will also be available for ticket sales on **May 13-14** after all the Masses. Tickets are \$25. Raffle sales for 2016 totaled over \$80,800 dollars resulting in a give away of \$40,400, with the first prize of \$20,200. Total number of prizes will be ten starting with 25% of all collected funds to . 1%. We are most grateful for your continued support for our infirmed and retired Sisters. — *Blessings, Sr. Nadine*

### THE SACRED HEART TRAVELERS —

Venture into the Heart and Spirit of America's Great West -- Journey with Rev. John P. Alvarado to **CANYON COUNTRY featuring Arizona & Utah**, October 19-27, 2017. Experience the majestic beauty of God's Creation, the tribal lands, national parks, early Catholic missions, cities and towns of the old & new West ... history, culture, nature, church, and food that all make for a great trip that concludes with a 2-day stay in Las Vegas. There are no international flights necessary for this trip. Book now and save. For full details, itinerary, pricing and registration, visit our parish website: [ChurchoftheSacredHeart.net](http://ChurchoftheSacredHeart.net) and click on **the Travel Link.** ▶▶▶ **Join us for an Information Session Thursday, April 6 at 6:30PM in the parish Annex.**



## — Ambassadors for Christ —

**THE 2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**  
supports many ministries serving our diocesan family.

### WAYS TO SHARE OUR GIFTS

#### ▶ Pledging

Choosing to pledge with your desired payment schedule over time may allow you to be more generous. Monthly reminders will be sent.

#### ▶ Gift by Check

Whether your gift is a one-time paid in full gift or an installment of a pledged gift, please make your check payable to Diocese of Metuchen- Bishop's Annual Appeal.

#### ▶ Gift by Credit Card

Complete your gift and credit card information on your pledge card or visit our secure online giving site at <http://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

#### ▶ Matching Your Gift

Corporate matching gifts are a great way to maximize your personal contribution. To use our Company Match Finder to see if your company has such a program and if it will match your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal or one of the entities of the Diocese of Metuchen, go to: [www.matchinggifts.com/diometuchen](http://www.matchinggifts.com/diometuchen). Or, to download a copy of our Matching Gift Brochure, go to [www.matchinggifts.com/diometuchen](http://www.matchinggifts.com/diometuchen). If you need assistance call 732-562-2436 or email [matching.gifts@diornettichem.org](mailto:matching.gifts@diornettichem.org).

#### ▶ Gift of Appreciated Stock or Securities

Federal tax laws allow a charitable deduction for the full market value of stock or securities on the date they are gifted. For information on making such a gift, please contact the Office of Stewardship & Development at 732-562-2432.



**ARCHIVE FINDING AID:** The parish archives can be accessed via the parish website. Instructions for using the Finding Aid are included.

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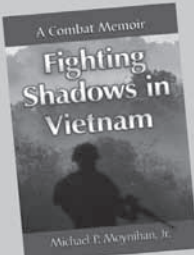


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